

# **SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

## **MINUTES**

December 16, 2010

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, December 16, 2010, at 10:30 AM at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

### **COMMISSION**

#### **Present:**

Rick Huntress, Chairman  
Deborah McPherson, Vice Chairman  
Bobby Harrell  
Kelly Hanson Floyd  
Nancy Banov

#### **Absent:**

Otis Speight, Secretary

### **DDSN Administrative Staff**

Dr. Buscemi, State Director; Mr. David Goodell, Associate State Director, Operations; Dr. Kathi Lacy, Associate State Director, Policy; Mrs. Tana Vanderbilt, General Counsel (For other Administrative Staff see Attachment 1 – Sign In Sheet).

### **Guests**

(See Attachment 1 Sign-In Sheet)

### **Coastal Regional Center (via videoconference)**

(See Attachment 2 Coastal Sign-In Sheet)

### **Pee Dee Regional Center (via videoconference)**

(See Attachment 3 Pee Dee Regional Sign-In Sheet)

### **Whitten Center (via videoconference)**

(See Attachment 4 Whitten Center Sign-In Sheet)

### **York County DSN Board (via videoconference)**

(See Attachment 5 York County Sign-In Sheet)

### News Release of Meeting

Mr. Rick Huntress, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Kelly Hanson Floyd read a statement of announcement about the meeting that had been mailed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office and on the website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

### Invocation

Mr. Bobby Harrell gave the invocation.

### Adoption of the Agenda

Without objection, the Commission moved to adopt the agenda as shown. (Attachment A)

### Approval of the Minutes of the November 9, 2010 Meeting

Without objection, the Commission moved to accept the November 9, 2010 minutes as given.

### Public Input

There was no public input.

### Report from DSN Boards

Mr. Rick Magner spoke on behalf of the SC Human Service Providers Association.

### DDSN Prevention Update

Dr. Linda Veldheer, Director of the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Division, gave a detailed update of the Prevention and Wellness Committee and provided informational handouts.

### Greenwood Genetics Update

Dr. Roger Stevenson, Director of the Greenwood Genetic Center, gave a detailed progress report on the collaboration between Greenwood Genetic Center and DDSN. Dr. Buscemi added that DDSN and the Greenwood Genetic Center are working with DHHS to allow the Center to bill for one of its services at the service rate versus the administrative rate.

New Business – Service Reports

Dr. Kathi Lacy gave a detailed update of individuals supported by DDSN stating the biggest growth in Autism followed by Head and Spinal Cord Injuries with the slowest growth in Mental Retardation and Related Disabilities. Dr. Lacy provided a presentation handout to the Commission.

New Business – Family Support Funds

Dr. Buscemi spoke of the \$500,000.00 Family Support Funds held in reserve. She stated that she has not heard of anything regarding mid-year reductions and recommended to the Commission that they approve releasing the funds with a caveat that providers would provide out-of-home respite services. Discussion followed. On motion of Mrs. Floyd, seconded and passed, the Commission approved without objection to take the \$500,000.00 and make available to providers to fund out-of-home respite services.

Unfinished Business – Administrative Costs Discussion with CMS

Dr. Buscemi gave an update of the administrative costs issue with CMS. DDSN is trying to articulate the difference between waiver and ICF/MR transactions. Plans are to physically meet with CMS in late February or early March. DDSN is in preliminary discussions with Kerr and Company to obtain services to resolve this issue. The best case scenario could cost DDSN in state funds \$300,000.00 and the worst case scenario \$3 million annually. Dr. Buscemi hopes to resolve through the CMS regional office, however, she is prepared to present to the CMS national office.

Unfinished Business – BabyNet

Dr. Buscemi gave an update on the BabyNet contract. On motion of Mrs. Nancy Banov, the Commission approved without objection, for DDSN to continue serving children with one delay with First Steps placing money in escrow with no additional liability to DDSN.

Unfinished Business – DHHS Update

Dr. Buscemi stated she was notified that DHHS will request to run a deficit. Dr. Buscemi went over the Medical Bulletin that listed the eliminations and reductions being considered by DHHS. A letter will go out to all Medicaid recipients or beneficiaries. Dr. Buscemi stated that as of April 1, DDSN waiver participants at the age of 19 and over will no longer be exempt from co-pays. This will reduce DDSN state match but it is not yet clear how it will affect providers. This change will take place whether DHHS is approved to run a deficit or not. DDSN will arm the providers with as much information as possible once available.

State Director's Report

Dr. Buscemi gave a report on the NASDDDS Annual Conference she attended in November.

Dr. Buscemi stated the DD Council is sponsoring wait list events in a fair-like atmosphere, with the first one to be at the Babcock Center to target people on the waiting list.

Dr. Buscemi reported the DDSN website continues to be modified and updated.

Dr. Buscemi stated she had no new concrete information regarding the budget. She and staff met with Representative Brian White, the new Chairman of the Health Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Senator Thomas Alexander, Chairman of Health Subcommittee of Senate Finance who oversee DDSN's budget. Dr. Buscemi added that Legislative budget meetings are starting early and she has scheduled upcoming meetings with Legislative staff. All agencies were asked to submit a 20% reduction plan.

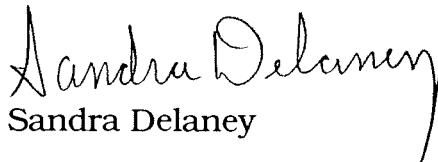
Executive Session

On motion of Mr. Harrell, seconded and passed, the Commission entered into Executive Session to receive legal advice.

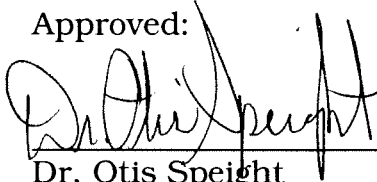
The Commission entered into public session. It was noted that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Huntress.

Submitted by,

  
Sandra Delaney

Approved:

  
Dr. Otis Speight  
Secretary

## Commission Meeting

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## Guest Registration Sheet

**(PLEASE PRINT)**

Name and Organization

1. Wendy Huntress
2. JAY ALTMAN Chester Lancaster DSN
3. ROGER STEVENSON GREENWOOD GENETIC CENTER
4. RICHARD WNEER DDSN
5. Lisa Weeks DDSN
6. VALARIE BISHOP DD Council
7. LINDA VELDHEER DDSN
8. Mike Moss Colhoun DSNB
9. Mary Leitner Rich/Lex DSNB
10. Stephen William Colhoun DSNB
11. Phil Clarkson BIASC
12. Joy Johnson Bobcock Center
13. Rick Magner Human Serv. Providers
14. Joyce Davis BIASC
15. Jennifer Buster SCDDSN
16. Crystal Ray Family Connection
17. Teri Todd Bright start.
18. Beth Darn Bright Start
19. Shondal Hall DDSN
20. KEVIN JACOB DDSN

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| 21. | Nancy McCormick | P+A                      |
| 22. | Deirdre Sayers  | DDSN                     |
| 23. | Janet Pruitt    | DDSN                     |
| 24. | Diane Eppley    | Spiral C'd Injury Assess |
| 25. | Fred Lynn       | Whitten Ctr Parents C.   |
| 27. | Dean Ryan       | Colleton Court BDS       |
| 28. | Mildred Lilly   | Parent                   |
| 29. | George V. V. V. | DHHS                     |
| 30. | Mary Grace      | Lee Co DSN Board         |
| 31. | Ralph Courtney  | Diken Co. Bd. of Dis.    |
| 32. | Beth Bunge      | Bright Start             |
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Attachment 3

**Guest Registration Sheet**

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Name and Organization

1. Ruth Thomas, Darlington County DSN Ed.
2. Dawn Johnson, ECDSNB
3. Susan L. John, Horry Co DSN
4. John Hitchman, SC DSN
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1. PAT FAGAN SODDEN
2. Jimmy BURTON BURTON CENTER
3. Kathleen Roberts Kathleen Center Parents Club
4. Jean E. Shirley Project Care
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From: Mary Poole [mpoole@yorkdsnb.org]  
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 2:02 PM  
To: Delaney, Sandra  
Subject: Sign In Sheet

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1. Mary Poole YCBDSN
2. Michelle Shaffer YCBDSN
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**A G E N D A**

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs  
3440 Harden Street Extension  
Conference Room 251  
Columbia, South Carolina**

**December 16, 2010**

**10:30 AM**

1. Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Otis Speight*
2. Invocation *Commissioner Bobby Harrell*
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes of the November 9, 2010 Meeting
6. Public Input
7. Report from DSN Boards *Mr. Rick Magner*
8. DDSN Prevention Update *Dr. Linda Veldheer*
9. Greenwood Genetics Update *Dr. Roger Stevenson*
10. New Business:
  - A. Service Reports *Dr. Kathi Lacy*
  - B. Family Support Funds *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
11. Unfinished Business:
  - A. Administrative Costs Discussion with CMS *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
  - B. BabyNet *Dr. Beverly Buscemi/Mr. David Goodell*
  - C. DHHS Update *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
12. State Director's Report
13. Executive Session
14. Next Regular Meeting Date (January 20, 2011)/Location

**PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.**